

PROPOSAL F2003-21

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Reason for changing the regulation: The main runs are July through September. Bait is the easiest and most logical traditional way to catch coho.

Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations: Minimal effect.

Effect of change on subsistence users: We will be able to catch fish to eat when they are in our area in an efficient manner.

Additional Information:

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